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**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

In re Mortgage Loan Originator
License Renewal Application of:

MELVONNE SHARISSE GEIGER,
NMLS ID No. 1595663,

Applicant.

Docket No. 2021-16-14

**ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN
ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REQUEST A HEARING**

The Director of the State of Idaho, Department of Finance (Director), pursuant to the Idaho Residential Mortgage Practices Act, Idaho Code § 26-31-101 et seq. (the Act), and in particular §§ 26-31-306(1)(d) and (h) and 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Denying Mortgage Loan Originator License Application, and Notice of the Opportunity for a Hearing (Order).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Applicant, MELVONNE SHARISSE GEIGER, a resident of the state of Georgia, holds NMLS number 1595663 and applied for an Idaho Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) license by filing an individual Form MU4 through the online Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry

(NMLSR or NMLS). This application was initially submitted October 26, 2020, and then was attested to and submitted by the Applicant on February 15, 2021.

2. The application Form MU4 seeks information about an individual applicant's qualifications to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator. A section of the application is entitled "Disclosure Questions" and consists of a series of questions that inquire into an applicant's history regarding financial, criminal, civil, judicial and regulatory matters.

3. Pertinent to the Applicant's qualifications are the following questions:

a. (A)(3): "Have you been the subject of a foreclosure action within the past 10 years?" The applicant responded, "No."

b. (D): "Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?" The applicant responded, "No."

4. Consistent with normal practice, a Department examiner conducted an assessment of the Applicant using various sources of public information to determine if the Applicant demonstrates sufficient financial responsibility, character, and general fitness in order to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator.¹

5. The examiner obtained a public record background information report through LexisNexis, which showed that the Applicant had been the subject of a foreclosure action within the last ten years and has an outstanding judgment entered against her.

6. Regarding the foreclosure action, the examiner noted a Lis Pendens Notice of Foreclosure was recorded with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Illinois, on September 21,

¹ Conducted pursuant to Part 3 of the Act titled "The Idaho Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act" (Idaho S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act), Idaho Code § 26-31-306.

2016, Document No. 1626529042, and a Judicial Sale Deed was recorded with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds on February 20, 2019, as Document No. 1905117012, both concerning the Applicant's property located at 11147 S Esmond Street, Chicago, Illinois 60643.

7. Regarding the outstanding judgment, the Department examiner obtained a copy of a Memorandum of Judgment from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, No. 09M1 156498. This judgment was filed against the Applicant in favor of Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., on January 25, 2010, for \$3,876.69. The examiner also obtained a copy of a Revival of Judgment Order, which revived this judgment on January 23, 2018.

8. The Department has no evidence indicating that the judgment described above has been satisfied and released.

9. The Applicant's negative responses to the Form MU4 application disclosure questions (A)(3) and (D) are material misrepresentations, and the failure to provide the details of the foreclosure actions and the judgment described above constitute material omissions.

10. On February 18, 2021 the Department provided the Applicant notice of an intent to deny the application within one month based on the information set forth above unless the Applicant was able to provide documentation to satisfy the Department that the noted items had been resolved and that disclosure was not required. The notice alternatively provided the Applicant the opportunity to withdraw the application. The Applicant failed to provide the requisite documentation or withdraw the application by the stated deadline.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

12. Idaho Code § 26-31-304 provides that an individual shall not engage in the business of a mortgage loan originator without first obtaining, and maintaining annually, a license.

13. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(1) provides that an applicant for a mortgage loan originator license must apply through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS), in a form required by the Director of the Idaho Department of Finance (Director).

14. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h), before an application for license can be approved, an applicant must provide all information on the application as required per Idaho Code § 26-31-305. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(10) further provides that an applicant shall make complete disclosure of all information as set forth in the application.

15. Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d) provides that the Director shall not issue a mortgage loan originator license under the Act unless the Director makes a finding that an applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility, character and general fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act.

16. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(1)(b), the Director may deny a license if an applicant withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license.

17. The Applicant made material misstatements of fact in her application, which is grounds to deny her application for licensure. She answered two questions inaccurately and failed to disclose the foreclosure action and the judgment. The false answers to disclosure questions (A)(3) and (D) and failure to disclose the foreclosure action and the judgment prohibit the Director from issuing a license to the Applicant pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h).

18. The Director finds it appropriate to deny the application because the Applicant's failure to provide complete information on the Form MU4 regarding the foreclosure action and the judgment demonstrates that the Applicant lacks the appropriate character and fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act. Because the Director cannot make the requisite findings under Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d), it is appropriate to deny the Applicant's request for an Idaho mortgage loan originator license, pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §§ 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2021, BY MELVONNE SHARISSA GEIGER, NMLS #1595663 IS HEREBY DENIED.

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

19. The Applicant is HEREBY NOTIFIED that the foregoing ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION is a final order of the Director denying the license application, subject to the Applicant's right to timely file a request for a hearing on the question of her qualifications for a mortgage loan originator license under the Act, pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6)(a). Such request for a hearing must be in writing and submitted to the Department within fifteen (15) days after the service of this Order. A copy of the request for hearing shall be served on the following:

Erin Van Engelen
Consumer Finance Bureau Chief
Idaho Department of Finance
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0031

A copy of the request for contested case and hearing shall also be served on the Department's counsel in this matter:

Thomas A. Donovan
Deputy Attorney General
Idaho Department of Finance
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Alternatively, the Applicant may email the request for hearing to: CFLegal@finance.idaho.gov.

20. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Director of the Department, or a Hearing Officer acting on the Director's behalf, will notify the Applicant of the date, time and place of the hearing, as well as the name and contact information of the presiding officer.

21. Any hearing and subsequent proceedings in this matter will be conducted in accordance with the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, Idaho Code § 67-5201 *et seq.* and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure (IDAPA 04.11.01).

22. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6), if a hearing is held, the Applicant shall reimburse, pro rata, the Director for her reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 31st day of March 2021.

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



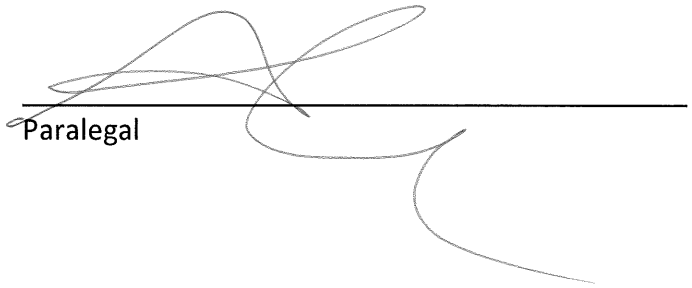
PATRICIA R. PERKINS, Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31st day of March 2021, I caused a true and correct fully-executed copy of the foregoing ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING to be served on the following by the designated means:

Melvonne Sharisse Geiger
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